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## TEXAS HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE COMMISSION ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR $5^{\text{TH}}$ ANNUAL OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

**AUSTIN** – The Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission (THGC) today announced it will accept applications for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Anna Steinberger Outstanding Educator Award until Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

The THGC's Dr. Steinberger Outstanding Educator Award seeks to recognize best practices in the classroom for teaching about the Holocaust and/or any of the genocides recognized by the United States; these genocides include those in the Ottoman Empire, Cambodia, Rwanda, the Balkans, Darfur, and the Middle East (Syria and Iraq). The award will go to one Texas classroom teacher, curriculum specialist, or librarian who works with any students in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades on Holocaust and/or genocide studies.

The winning educator will receive a \$1,000 award, generously funded by former Commissioner, Dr. Anna Steinberger of Houston, through a gift to the Friends of THGC.

Past recipients of the Dr. Steinberger Outstanding Educator Award have included educators integrating Holocaust and/or genocide instruction in English Language Arts, Fine Arts, English as a Second Language, and Social Studies courses. These winners have taught in various parts of Texas, including Robinson, El Paso, Laredo, and Beaumont.

All application materials must be received electronically through the THGC website by 4:00 PM CST on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Visit the THGC's website at <a href="https://thgc.texas.gov/grants-contests/steinberger">https://thgc.texas.gov/grants-contests/steinberger</a> for an online application and instructions.

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If you would like more information about the Dr. Anna Steinberger Outstanding Texas Educator Award, please contact Dr. J. E. Wolfson at <u>j.e.wolfson@thgc.texas.gov</u> or Christian Acevedo at <u>christian.acevedo@thgc.texas.gov</u>. Visit <u>https://thgc.texas.gov/</u> to learn more about the THGC and its mission.